
By Mr. Donovan of Chelsea, petition of John F. Donovan, Jr., that provision be made for the construction of a new court house for the district court of Chelsea Counties.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Eight.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW COURT HOUSE FOR THE DISTRICT COURT OF CHELSEA.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. For the purpose of constructing court house
2 accommodations and facilities for the district court of Chelsea,
3 including furnishings and equipment, there is hereby established
4 a commission, hereinafter referred to as the commission, con-
5 sisting of the justice of the district court of Chelsea and four
6 citizens of the commonwealth who shall be appointed within
7 one month after the effective date of this act in the following
8 manner: One by the governor, one by the mayor of the city of
9 Boston, one by the mayor of the city of Chelsea, and one by
10 the city manager of the city of Revere. The justice of the
11 district court of Chelsea shall be the chairman of the commission.
12 The four appointed commissioners shall each receive such com-
13 pensation as may be determined by the person appointing him,
14 and shall serve for a period of four years. Any vacancy in the
15 office of commissioner shall be filled in the same manner as the
16 original appointment.

1 SECTION 2. The commission is hereby authorized and di-
2 rected to determine upon the location of said accommodations
3 and facilities, and whether they shall be of new construction
4 or otherwise, or alterations in or additions to or extensions to
5 the present district court house building, and, if new construc-

6 tion or otherwise, to determine the type and general style of
7 building to be utilized. Said commission shall have authority
8 to acquire by purchase, gift or devise, or to take by eminent
9 domain under chapter seventy-nine of the General Laws, such
10 land and interest therein, including buildings, as may be neces-
11 sary to construct such new court house or such additions, ex-
12 tensions or units to the present court house, if such is desired.
13 Said commission may employ a secretary, architects, engineers,
14 attorneys and other necessary assistance. The expense incurred
15 under authority of the preceding sentence shall be deemed to
16 be a part of the work authorized by this act.

1 SECTION 3. Upon completion of the taking or other ac-
2 quisition of the necessary land or buildings, the commission
3 may proceed with the wrecking and removal of the old build-
4 ings, if any, on the land so taken or acquired. When plans
5 and specifications of the proposed new court house have been
6 approved by the commission, if it appears that after making
7 reasonable allowance for unsettled land damages, furnishings
8 and equipment, and contingencies, the total expenses of carry-
9 ing out the provisions of this act will not exceed the unexpended
10 balance of the amount herein authorized to be expended, the
11 commission is hereby authorized, on behalf of the cities of
12 Chelsea and Revere, to proceed with the making of contracts
13 for the construction and erection of the court house or the con-
14 struction of the alterations, extensions and additions, or any
15 of them, authorized as herein provided, and the furnishing and
16 equipment thereof.

1 SECTION 4. The liability of each of the cities of Chelsea
2 and Revere under any such contract, or otherwise, shall be
3 limited to the proportions in which said cities contribute to
4 the cost of the work as hereinafter provided. The commis-
5 sion may dispose of such furnishings and equipment in the
6 existing court house building as may be replaced hereunder,
7 and the proceeds thereof shall be available for expenditure
8 for the purposes of this act. All work shall be done under
9 written contract, and no such contract shall be deemed to
10 have been made or executed until the written approval of the
11 mayor of the city of Chelsea and the city manager of the city
12 of Revere has been affixed thereto. All contracts shall be

13 awarded by the commission on the basis of competitive bidding,
14 and only after proposals for the same have been invited by
15 advertising once a week for two successive weeks in a daily
16 newspaper published in Suffolk County, the last publication
17 to be one week before the time specified for the opening of said
18 proposals. Said advertisement shall state the time and place
19 when plans and specifications of the proposed work may be had
20 and the time and place of opening the proposals in answer to
21 said advertisements, and shall reserve to the commission the
22 right to reject any or all of such proposals.

1 SECTION 5. For the purpose of carrying out the provisions
2 of this act, including payments of salaries and expenses of
3 its members, the commission may expend a sum not exceed-
4 ing five hundred thousand dollars, fifty per cent of which shall
5 be paid by the city of Chelsea and fifty per cent by the city of
6 Revere.

1 SECTION 6. To meet the share of the city of Chelsea of such
2 expenditures, the city of Chelsea shall from time to time, at
3 the request of the commission, place at the disposal of the
4 commission such funds as may be needed to meet the city's
5 share of the expenditures authorized by this act, and for this
6 purpose the treasurer of said city, without further authority,
7 shall borrow from time to time such sums as may be necessary,
8 not exceeding, in the aggregate, the sum of two hundred and
9 fifty thousand dollars, and may issue bonds or notes therefor,
10 which shall bear on their face the words, City of Chelsea,
11 District Court House Loan, Act of 1957. Each authorized
12 issue shall constitute a separate loan, and such loans shall be
13 payable in not more than twenty years from their dates. Such
14 indebtedness incurred under this act shall be in excess of the
15 statutory limit, but shall, except as herein otherwise provided,
16 be subject to all laws relative to the incurring of debt by said
17 city.

1 SECTION 7. To meet the share of the city of Revere of such
2 expenditures, the city of Revere shall from time to time, at
3 the request of the commission, place at the disposal of the com-
4 mission such funds as may be needed to meet the city's share
5 of the expenditures authorized by this act, and for this purpose

6 the treasurer of said city, without further authority, shall
7 borrow from time to time such sums as may be necessary,
8 not exceeding, in the aggregate, the sum of two hundred and
9 fifty thousand dollars, and may issue bonds or notes therefor,
10 which shall bear on their face the words, City of Revere, District
11 Court House Loan, Act of 1958. Each authorized issue shall
12 constitute a separate loan, and such loans shall be payable in
13 not more than twenty years from their dates. Such indebted-
14 ness incurred under this act shall be in excess of the statutory
15 limits, but shall, except as herein otherwise provided, be subject
16 to all laws relative to the incurring of debt by said city.

1 SECTION 8. The commonwealth of Massachusetts, the county
2 of Suffolk, and the metropolitan district commission hereby
3 waive any and all rights to any or all fines which may be payable
4 to them, from the district court of Chelsea, notwithstanding
5 any provision of law to the contrary, and all fines received or
6 paid in to said court shall be paid in equal shares to the treasurers
7 of the cities of Chelsea and Revere. Said fines shall be used
8 to defray the expenses incurred under this act.

1 SECTION 9. From the time when the construction of the
2 work herein provided for shall be substantially completed and
3 actual use of the same by the district court of Chelsea shall
4 begin, the cities of Chelsea and Revere shall contribute an-
5 nually fifty per cent of the charges of maintenance of said court
6 house.

1 SECTION 10. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance
2 by vote of the city council of the city of Revere subject to the
3 provisions of its charter, and by vote of the board of aldermen
4 of the city of Chelsea subject to the provisions of its charter,
5 but not otherwise.